

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/350,952

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 6/17/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 20,23-25,35,38,41-43 and 45-55.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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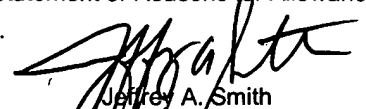
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No./Mail Date 2/26/00.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Title

The title has been changed to read as follows:

--Electronic Catalog Method--.

In the Claims

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-18 to an invention non-elected without traverse (see Office action mailed October 12, 2004 and subsequent response by Applicant filed January 11, 2005). Accordingly, claims 1-18 have been cancelled.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 20

The prior art or record neither anticipates nor fairly and reasonably teaches a computer-based method comprising, *inter alia*, the steps of electronically generating verification information that is usable to verify the authenticity of the header and body sections, the verification information at least partially based on the header and body sections; and storing the verification information in a footer section of the electronic catalog.

Regarding claim 45

The prior art of record neither anticipates nor fairly and reasonably teaches a method comprising, *inter alia*, receiving a first electronic catalog, the first electronic catalog including first authenticity information indicating that the first source of information and first object information is authentic, the first authenticity information at least partially based on the first source information and the first object information; and generating a second electronic catalog, the second electronic

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catalog including the first electronic catalog, and second authenticity information indicating that the second source information and second object information is authentic, the second authenticity information at least partially based on the first electronic catalog, the second source information and the second object information.

Regarding claim 53

The prior art of record neither anticipates nor fairly and reasonably teaches a method comprising, *inter alia*, generating an electronic catalog, the electronic catalog including a digital signature, the digital signature based on the source information, validity information, ordering method information, and at least one object entry.

The most remarkable prior art of record is to Perkowski (U.S. Patent No. 5950173). Although Perkowski teaches an e-commerce environment, Perkowski does not disclose verification information at least partially based on a header section and a body section; and storing the verification information in a footer section of the electronic catalog. Additionally, Perkowski does not disclose second authenticity information indicating that second source information and second object

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information is authentic, the second authenticity information at least partially based on a first electronic catalog, the second source information and the second object information. Finally, Perkowski does not disclose a digital signature, the digital signature based on the source information, validity information, ordering method information, and at least one object entry.

Moreover, none of the prior art of record remedies the deficiencies found in Perkowski.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

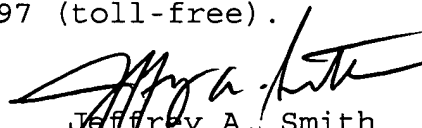
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey A. Smith whose telephone number is (571) 272-6763. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins can be reached on (571) 272-7159. The fax phone number for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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